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BOROUGH OF FALMOUTH

Annual Report

of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
For the Year Ending December 31st, 1952

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Borough of Falmouth in 1952.

The year can fairly be said to have been healthy. There was no epidemic of any kind and the death rate at 9.5 per 1,000 of population reached the lowest level on record. The Infant Mortality Rate was low but the Still Birth Rate was high, there is definite room for improvement in both.

There was a welcome increase of 170 in the number of houses built and it is satisfactory to note that only two of the huts of the Beacon Camp were inhabited at the end of the year. These were vacated early in 1953 and all traces of the camp have now been removed.

Attention is invited to Mr. Hey's report which sets out in detail the work done by his department during the year.

I should like to acknowledge here my appreciation of the help and consideration I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and express my thanks to Mr. Hey and his staff for their loyal co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Your obedient servant,

V. E. WHITMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

FALMOUTH

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area in acres	1,893
Population, 1952	16,490
Estimated population, 1931	12,910
Number of inhabited houses, 1952	4,610
Number of inhabited houses, 1931	2,916
Rateable value 1952	£169,318
Product of penny rate	£679 12 1
Number of houses built or building since 1945	489
Number of families on waiting list for houses	633
Number of inhabited huts, Beacon Camp	2
Number of inhabited houses, left from 1935 slum clearance programme	85
Rainfall, 1952	46.3
Rainfall, average of past 80 years	43.95
Sunshine, 1952	1708.7
Sunshine, average of past 80 years	1697.8

Vital Statistics

Live Births

Males 124	Females 104	Total 228
Registrar General's "Area Comparability Factor"		1.04
Birth rate, per 1,000 population—Falmouth		14.4
Birth rate, per 1,000 population—England and Wales		15.3

Still Births

Males 7	Females 2	Total 9
Still birth rate, per 1,000 all births—Falmouth		38
Still birth rate, per 1,000 all births—England and Wales		22.6

Deaths

Males 88	Females 95	Total 183
Registrar General's "Area Comparability		
Faector "		0.86 .
Death rate, per 1,000 population—Falmouth		9.5
Death rate, per 1,000 population—England and Wales		11.3

Deaths of Infants under 1 year

Males 2	Females 4	Total 6
Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births		
—Falmouth		26.3
Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births		
—England and Wales		27.6

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

	1951	1952
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	4
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic diseases	1	1
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	10	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	3	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	16
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	1
Diabetes	3	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	29	24
Coronary disease, angina	22	21
Hypertension with heart disease	6	5
Other heart disease	39	43

Other circulatory disease	8	7
Influenza	3	—
Pneumonia	6	3
Bronchitis	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	6
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	3
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformation	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14	14
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	10	3
Suicide	3	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
	209	183

Birth and Death Rate Since 1936

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality
			Rate
1936	12.8	14.4	46.2
1937	15.3	14.3	52.0
1938	12.3	13.6	59.5
1939	13.7	14.8	58.5
1940	13.1	13.4	49.8
1941	16.5	12.6	36.9
1942	16.2	13.6	41.7
1943	18.6	14.6	56.6
1944	20.4	13.9	53.3
1945	20.0	14.1	16.5
1946	20.4	13.5	33.6
1947	18.6	12.7	23.0
1948	15.6	12.9	26.4
1949	16.1	14.6	46.9
1950	14.8	11.1	33.3
1951	15.1	10.8	33.2
1952	14.4	9.5	26.3

Deaths in Age Groups

	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
0+	2	4	6
1—4	—	—	—
5—14	—	—	—
15—24	—	—	—
25—44	5	3	8
45—64	29	21	50
65—74	23	20	43
75+	29	47	76
	—	—	—
	88	95	183
	—	—	—

63.4% of all deaths were of persons over 65 years of age.

The vital statistics as a whole are very satisfactory. The death rate is the lowest on record and the infant mortality rate shows a welcome fall. There is room for considerable improvement both in this and in the still birth rate however. Three of the infant deaths and 4 still births were attributable to maternal toxæmia a condition which could and should be detected and dealt with in its early stages. One of the deaths and 2 of the still births were due to birth injuries and there was a death from whooping cough.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE

1. Clinics

Infant Welfare—Attendances 2,482 Sessions 103
Average per session 24

Mothercraft—Attendances 109 Sessions 11
Average per session 10

Dental

	<i>Expectant & Nursing Mothers</i>	<i>Pre School Children</i>	<i>School Children</i>
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Inspected	16	46	1,604
Requiring treatment	16	42	1,307
Persons treated	9	34	1,109
Attendances	62	103	2,279
Made dentally fit	9	22	1,015

2. Ambulance Service

	1951	1952
Ambulances	2	2
Utilecons	2	2
Patients carried, ambulances	3,229	2,823
Patients carried, utilecons	4,575	5,491
Patients carried, Hospital Car Service	761	668
Miles travelled, ambulances	26,783	24,163
Miles travelled, utilecons	30,413	36,325
Miles travelled, Hospital Car Service	15,628	9,534

3. Home Help Service

Help was given in their homes to 10 maternity and 48 other cases.

4. After-Care Grants

Grants of free extra nourishment were made on the recommendation of the Chest Physician to 9 sufferers from tuberculosis.

5. Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory in Truro examined and reported on 82 samples of ice cream during the year.

6. Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting

Miss Margaret Gray, Assistant County Nursing Officer, reports:—"Now that the peak number of children born at the end of the war are in school the Health Visitors have been able to give more time to visiting the aged in their homes. It is important both on the grounds of humanity and economies to keep these people in their own homes as long as possible. A little help from time to time can stave off senile deterioration which all too often ends in mental breakdown. It is suggested that this presents a fruitful field for voluntary activities. The British Red Cross and W.V.S. Societies are very helpful in this work but there is plenty of room for other workers both organised and individually.

The Health Visitors have also had to devote a lot of time to the task of dealing with verminous children in the schools. Investigation has shown that most of the persistently verminous children get their infections and re-infections at home from their mothers, aunts and older sisters. Now that safe and certain insecticidal lotions are easily obtainable, free if necessary, this sort of thing is inexcusable.

All the midwives in Falmouth have the Gas and Air certificate and all patients passed as fit subjects by their docters have the opportunity of this relief."

General cases nursed	235
General nursing visits	4,962
Midwifery cases	159
Midwifery visits	4,123
Ante natal visits	951
Health visits to children under 5 years	7,757
Visits to elderly people	873

7. Problem Families

In 1950 in a joint circular the Home Office and the Ministries of Health and Education gave consideration to "what more might be done to prevent the neglect or ill-treatment of children in their own homes."

As a result of the circular committees were set up in each Health Area in Cornwall. In this Area it consisted of local representatives of the Children's Department, the N.S.P.C.C., the Social and Moral Welfare Association, The Education Department, the British Red Cross Society, the National Assistance Board, the Falmouth and Truro Councils of Churches, the Assistant School Medical Officer and myself.

Five meetings were held in 1952 but it was soon apparent that though between us we were aware of many problems the committee had power only to discuss and discussion led nowhere. We were all agreed that actual cases of wilful neglect and/or persistent cruelty were uncommon but that there was a number of borderline cases for whom something could be done if we had power to rehouse and help financially. In other cases courses of rehabilitation would almost certainly help but here again we were powerless. Not unnaturally the discovery of our ineffectiveness led to an evaporation of enthusiasm and attendance at the meetings fell away.

The problems remain however and efforts to help the families concerned give my staff a great deal of work. The voluntary organisations named are always willing to co-operate and we never hesitate to call upon them. Though our gains are little better than microscopic I feel quite certain that under existing circumstances the committee could have done no more.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Age Group	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis		Measles	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
— 1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1— 2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
3— 4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
5— 9	2	2	3	7	—	1	3	1
10—14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
15—24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 +	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	2	3	6	7	—	1	4	6
Totals		5		13		1		10

Age Group	Acute Pneumonia		Dysentery		Puerperal Pyrexia		Rheumatic Fever	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.	M.	F.	
0— 4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
15—44	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
45—64	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
65 +	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3	1	—	1	1	—	2	—
Totals	4	—	1	1	1	—	2	—

The case of poliomyelitis had a fairly light attack and made a good recovery.

Diphtheria

There were no cases during the year.

During the year 148 children under 5 and 88 older children were immunised. 590 received booster doses.

On the 31st December, 1952, there were 879 children between the ages of 1 year and 5 years in Falmouth and of these 442 or 50.3% had been immunised. 70—75% is regarded as a "safe" level of protection.

Smallpox

No. cases.

	Under 1	1-2	2-4	5-14	15+	Total
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Numbers vaccinated	21	55	8	5	29	118
Numbers re-vaccinated	—	—	—	10	63	73

Tuberculosis

New Cases

Deaths

Age Group	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—44	6	5	—	1	—	2	—	—
45—54	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65+	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	10	6	—	1	1	3	—	—
Totals	16		1		4		—	

On the 31st December, 1952, there were 117 cases of tuberculosis on the register, 104 pulmonary and 14 non-pulmonary.

At the end of 1952 54 children had been vaccinated with B.C.G.. All were contacts of known cases of tuberculosis.

BOROUGH OF FALMOUTH

Annual Report of the BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR For the Year Ending December 31st, 1952

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Falmouth

14th May, 1953.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting to you my 26th Annual Report on the Sanitary circumstances of the Borough, I have been guided by Circular 2/53, issued by the Ministry of Health for this purpose.

It is interesting to note that during the year samples of milk were taken from all Distributors, some retailing both Graded and Ungraded Milks and all the 38 Primary Samples were found to comply with the Methylene Blue Test.

Several Sites for the Disposal of Refuse were inspected by the Health Committee and the arrangement made with the Falmouth Cricket Club for the tipping of refuse at their new ground at Trescobeas has proved satisfactory and we have continued disposal at this site since 1st April, 1952.

Land has been purchased for the continuation of disposal when the present tip is completed.

The Pet Animals Act, 1951, came into operation on the 1st April, 1952, and the Council resolved that the Act be administered by the Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

I am indebted to Mr. D. H. McKerchar, Water Engineer, for the following report :—

The Falmouth Water Undertaking is Municipally owned.

The source of supply is from Gathering Grounds of gravel and peat sub-soil, into impounding and settling reservoirs. The water is subjected to (sand) pressure filtration. The filtered water is chlorinated to maintain the required standard of bacterial purity and is treated with lime to correct its corrosive tendency.

Chemical and Bacteriological analyses are taken monthly of all water in supply, and the raw water quarterly.

During 1952 the average daily consumption within the statutory area of supply was 1,191,040 gallons.

The number of Trade Supplies for the year equals 540 and the number of Domestic Supplies equals 6,600.

During the year, new water mains have been laid at Boscawen Road and for the Draeana and Beacon Housing Estates.

The Water Supply in the statutory area has been entirely satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity.

Sewerage

Sewage disposal is principally by sea outfalls, one at Middle Point and one discharging from a Septic Tank at Gyllyngvase.

There is also a small Plant, consisting of Settling Tanks, etc., with two percolating Filters to deal with the sewage from the Swanvale, Penmere and Treseobeas Areas.

A new sewer has been laid in Draeana Avenue and at Ponsharden to deal with the sewage of the new Council Housing Scheme, Draeana Avenue and Ponsharden Cottages and will come into operation when the Pumping Station is completed.

A contract has been signed for a new main sewer to be laid in the Swanvale Valley to discharge at Pennance Point in order to replace the overburdened Swanvale Sewage Works.

Drainage

During the year, 95 new drains were tested, first by means of Water Test, then by Smoke Test, and all finally approved.

In addition 323 yards of new 6 inch sewer at Draeana Avenue and Grovehill Crescent, 83 yards of 7 inch sewer at Ponsharden and 260 yards of 6 inch surface water drains at Draeana Avenue and Marlborough Avenue were tested and approved.

Closet Accommodation

With the exception of a very small number of Pail Closets and Privy Middens in outside areas, all are on the Water carriage and connected to the Council's sewer.

We have, however, 157 premises connected to 122 Cesspits, where no sewers are available, in addition there are two cesspits serving two caravan sites, all being emptied by an approved type of Cesspool Emptier.

TABLE No. 1
SANITARY INSPECTIONS MADE

Dwelling Houses	Inspections
Inspected for housing defects	211
Inspected after occurrence of Infectious Disease	20
Rooms disinfected	151
Inspections of Water Closets	84
Inspections of Common Passages	74
Inspections of new houses	24
 Drainage	
Sewerage Inspections	43
Visits to Works in Progress	402
Water Tests applied to drains	69
Smoke Tests applied to drains	61
New drains approved after test	95
New drains disapproved	3
Old drains inspected	4
New Interceptors fixed	25
New gullies fixed	122

Dairies

Dairies inspected	72
Milk Purveyors' Vehicles	47
Samples obtained for Methylene Blue Test	38

Bakehouses

Number of Inspections	52
Meat Shops, Stalls, etc.	76
Meat Allocation Depot	4
Cafes and Restaurants	67
Other Food Premises	115

Miscellaneous Inspections

Cinemas and Music Halls	5
Public Conveniences	131
Drinking Fountains	13
Tips	205
Beacon Camp	2
Re Rat Destruction	1,926
Visits to Salvage Depot	71
Visits to Council Houses	15
Visits to Swanvale Sewerage Farm	21
Visits to Licensed Houses	15
Visits to Fish and Chip Shops	14
Visits to Caravan Sites	12
Visits to Piggeries	4
Visits to Aged and Infirm Persons	8
Inspection of Premises re Sale of Ice Cream	96
Inspection of Swanpool	5
Inspections re Shops Act	61
District Inspections	9

Inspections with Medical Officer of Health	18
Interviews with Owners, etc.	72
Interviews with Chairman	15
Interviews with Applicants for Council Houses	19
Interviews and Inspections re Overcrowding	7
Interviews re collection of Refuse	3
Interviews with Farmers and Milk Purveyors	29
Interviews with Owners of Hotels	4
Interviews with Builders	41
Interviews with Architects	14
Interviews re Shops Acts	15

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Dwelling Houses

Roofs repaired	30
Eaves, Gutters and Fall Pipes repaired	15
Walls repaired	22
Windows repaired	12
Defective Wash Basins repaired or renewed	1
Verminous Rooms disinfected	78
Floors relaid or repaired	3
Stairs repaired	2
Doors repaired	3
Defective Ceilings repaired	1
Defective Flues and Fireplaces repaired	5
Defective Cooking Stoves repaired	1
Hot Water Installations provided	3

Water Closets, etc.

Defective Water Closets repaired	14
Defective Hopper Pans replaced by Wash-downs	1
Additional Water Closets provided	6
Cesspools emptied	794
Cesspools abolished	—
Privy Middens abolished	—
Pail Closets abolished	—

Drainage

Houses completely re-drained	—
Drains repaired or reconstructed	13
Old Drains abolished	—
Sink Waste Pipes repaired or disconnected	4
Choked Drains cleansed, repaired or relaid	49

		19
Choked Gullies cleansed		9
Choked Interceptors cleansed		23
Sewers cleansed or repaired		8
Existing Drains connected to Main Sewer		—
Manhole covers repaired		5
Siphon Traps removed		4
Water Supply		
Water Services repaired		3
Houses or W.C.'s provided with adequate water supply		4
Flush Cisterns repaired		10
Water Fountains repaired		2
Miscellaneous		
Offensive Accumulations removed		11
Statutory Notices issued		—
Preliminary Notices given		217
Local Land Charges Supplementary Enquiries		207
Smoke Observations		4
Miscellaneous Inspections		722
Total Inspections made		5,277

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prose- cuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	28	51	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	53	95	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	3	6	—	—
TOTAL	84	152	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Referred Remedied To H.M. By H.M. Inspector Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—
(a) insufficient	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	6	6	—
TOTAL	8	8	

Eradication of Vermin

Two houses were treated for Bed Bug Infestation, 12 for fleas and 3 for beetles. Twenty-five Wasps' nests were destroyed.

Rodent Control

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, 227 cases were dealt with.

The baits used for prebaiting were $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. of Sausage Rusk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Barley Mash and 10 lbs. Soaked Wheat, and for poisoning, Arsenic, Zinc Phosphide, Antu and Warfarm were the chief agents.

Based on the actual "takes of Poison," it is estimated that 1,520 rats and 977 mice were killed. 420 dead rodents were picked up.

The work done during the year included the treatment

of the Council's sewers, which resulted in an estimated kill of 26, included in the above total.

Co-operation has been maintained with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Infestation Control Division and the Cornwall Agricultural Committee, Pest Department.

One full-time Rodent Operator was employed and methods of treatment were strictly in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' recommendations and included poisoning and trapping.

No charges were made for treatment carried out at dwelling houses.

The following table gives the particulars of the work carried out during the year:—

<i>Cou- plaints</i>	<i>Inspec- tions</i>	<i>Premises treated by poison</i>	<i>Premises trapped</i>	<i>Premises gassed</i>	<i>Mau- holes baited</i>	<i>Prem- baits laid</i>	<i>Poison baits laid</i>
204	1,926	243	6	—	99	4,790	1,042

Housing

During the year the Local Authority built 22 houses which brings the total of Council Houses to 927. 10 were built privately. One war-damaged house was re-built.

As in previous years housing work has been restricted to the maintenance of houses in as reasonable a condition as possible.

In three cases where premises could not be made fit at a reasonable cost the owners gave Undertakings to close the premises for human habitation, but only two of these Undertakings have been complied with.

Squatters' Camp

I am pleased to be able to report that the Camp has been demolished and Council Houses are being erected on the site.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

There are fifteen farms in the Borough.

Distribution of milk was carried out by 21 purveyors, there being one distributor of Pasteurised Milk and 15 of T.T. Milk.

Thirty-eight samples of milk were taken for the Methylen Blue Test, all of which conformed with same.

Six Supplementary and nine Dealers' Licensees to use the Special Designation, "Tuberulin Tested," were granted during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

240 visits were made to Meat and other Food Shops and Bakehouses in connection with the inspection of food, and the following meat and other foodstuffs was condemned :

Beef	156 lbs.
Mutton	242 lbs.
Pork	50 lbs.
Lambs' Livers	40 lbs.
Turkey	20 lbs.
Chicken	34 lbs.
Sausages	66 lbs.
Canned Vegetables	237 lbs.
Canned Fruit	1,566 lbs.
Canned Meat	1,002 lbs.
Canned Milk	169 lbs.
Miscellaneous Canned Foods	354 lbs.
Dried Fruit	305 lbs.
Fruit	135 lbs.
Fish	578 lbs.
Miscellaneous Foods	272 lbs.
	5,226 lbs.

Adulteration, Etc.

The County Council are responsible for the working of these Acts and Regulations and I am indebted to Mr. H. E. Rundle, Senior Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, for the following report :—

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Article	No.	genu- ine	Adulter- ated	Result of Proceedings
Blanc Mange Powder	1	1	—	—
Jelly Crystals	2	2	—	—
Table Jelly	3	3	—	—
Horseradish Relish	4	1	—	—
Coffee	2	2	—	—
Coffee and Chicory	1	1	—	—
Pasteurised Process Cheese	1	1	—	—
Strawberry Conserve	1	1	—	—
Milk	42	41	1	—
Sausages	6	6	—	—
Butter	7	7	—	—
Lemon Curd	1	1	—	—
Lemon Squash	1	1	—	—
Cone. Lobster Soup	1	1	—	—
Foam Crystals	1	1	—	—
Jam	3	3	—	—
Custard Powder	2	2	—	—
Pineapple Squash	1	1	—	—
Orange Squash	1	1	—	—
Ice Cream	5	4	1	—
Cooking Fat	1	1	—	—
Lard	1	1	—	—
Maple Dessert	1	1	—	—
Currants	1	1	—	—
Mincemeat	1	1	—	—
Marzipan	1	1	—	—
Totals	89	87	2	—

Particulars of Adulterated Samples

An informal sample of Ice Cream was found to be deficient in fat but a formal sample taken later proved to be genuine.

A formal sample of milk proved to be deficient in fat and contained 3.54% added water. The retailer was cautioned for this offence.

Ice Cream

Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, 1938, is enforced in the Borough. Sixty-one premises are registered, six of which are for Manufacture and Sale, fifty-three for Sale and two Wholesale Storage Depots. With a view to securing uniformity in the interpretation of the legislation affecting the Ice Cream Trade, we are administering the provisional standard of grading, based on the Methylene Blue Reduction Test.

During the year, samples of Ice Cream were obtained and submitted for examination the following table shows the results of samples submitted :—

No. taken	82		
No. certified as Provisional Grade 1	67	or	81.7%
No. 2	8	or	9.8%
No. 3	7	or	8.5%
No. 4	—	—	—

Public Conveniences

There are 21 Public Conveniences in the Borough, which are cleansed daily, four have a Caretaker for 9 hours every week-day; two are open in the season only.

131 visits have been made to the various conveniences and the revenue received for the year ending 31st March, 1953, was £1,209 8s. 9d.

The Council have under consideration the provision of additional Public Conveniences and the improvement of the Market Strand Conveniences.

Shops and Offices

The inspection of Shops and Offices as regards their sanitary accommodation was continued during the year, and of the 61 inspections made, 23 were in connection with closing hours.

Nine complaints were received and a number of contraventions dealt with.

Young Persons Act

Thirty-four inspections were made and five complaints investigated, but I am pleased to say that no employer was found to be working the Young Persons longer hours than was permitted under the Act.

Camping Sites

There are three licensed Camping Sites.

The two principal camps have been provided with sanitary conveniences and washing facilities and all three are provided with the Town's supply of water and dustbins.

Cinemas and Music Halls

These places of Public Amusement were inspected during the year and gave no cause for complaint. The necessary reports were made to the Local Authority for the purposes of renewal of licences.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Four applications were received for Licences to keep a Pet Shop, one being refused and three granted.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no public or privately-owned Swimming Baths or Pools.

Licensed Houses

The sanitary accommodation of these premises has been kept under observation.

All Licensed Houses in the Borough have a constant supply of hot and cold water over a sink for washing purposes.

Public Cleansing

(1st April, 1952—31st March, 1953)

During the year a twice-weekly collection of House Refuse was maintained and Shops in the Main Streets collected daily.

Since 1st April, 1952, all refuse has been disposed of by tipping at the new ground of the Falmouth Cricket Club at Trescoebeas.

At the request of The London and Southern Counties Joint Committee, Scrap Survey and Drive, a special Drive for the recovery of Iron and Steel Scrap was held the first two weeks of December, the result being very disappointing, only five tons being collected.

The following table shows the amount of Salvage materials sold during the year, as compared with previous years :—

	1952 Tons	1951 Tons	1940 to 1952 Tons
Waste Paper	59	97	1,641
Ferrous Metals	5	—	113
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	—	3
Flattened Tins	—	—	247
Textiles	—	—	35
Bones	—	—	36 $\frac{3}{4}$
Food Waste	—	—	740
Bottles	—	—	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jam Jars	—	—	11
Rubber	—	—	14
 Total Tonnage	64	97	2,851 $\frac{1}{4}$
 Value	£480	£1,441	£12,440

The staff consists of 15 males whole-time and the number and make of vehicle employed as follows :

One 10 cubic yard Commer Refuse Lorry (commenced 11/3/49).

One 10 cubic yard Karrier Refuse Lorry (commenced 19/7/49).

One 7 cubic yard Seddon 3-ton Diesel Refuse Lorry (commenced 1/10/51).

One 750-gallon Bedford Cesspool Emptier (commenced 1/1/49).

The number of loads of Refuse disposed of is as follows :

Karrier	1,196
Commer	1,006
Seddon	1,049
Morris	91
Hired Lorry	13

The total cost of Collection is :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts				7,464	7	3
Sale of Salvaged Materials	636	18	6			
Leaving a net cost of Collection of				6,827	8	9
Cost of Disposal :						
Tipping of Refuse	2,132	14	6			
Purchase of Land	501	1	0			
Total cost of Disposal	2,633	15	6			

Emptying of Cesspits.

There are 124 Cesspits in the Borough, which are emptied without charge.

The total cost of these Services amount to £ 1,528 3 11

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the support received during the year from the Health and other Committees, my best thanks to the staff for their loyalty, zeal and devotion, and for the able and energetic manner in which they have, at all times, discharged their many and onerous duties, often under very trying conditions.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. HEY,

Sanitary Inspector.

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